

WI-598
Camden Avenue Apartment House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1928

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-598

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Camden Avenue Apartment House

other

2. Location

street and number 1018 Camden Avenue ☐ not for publication

city, town	Salisbury	vicinity
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county Maryland

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Steven D. and Sara W. Cox

street and number 407 Pennsylvania Avenue telephone _____

city, town	Salisbury	state	MD	zip code	21801
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 961 folio 1

city, town	Salisbury	tax map	114	tax parcel	778	tax ID number	13-031967
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	Contributing
x building(s)	x private	___ landscape	Noncontributing
___ structure	___ both	___ recreation/culture	1
___ site		___ religion	___
___ object		___ social	___
		___ transportation	___
		___ work in progress	1
		___ unknown	___
		___ vacant/not in use	Total
		___ other:	

**Number of Contributing Resource:
previously listed in the Inventory**

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Camden Avenue apartment house is located at 1018 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house, built with an eastern exposure, stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of Camden and College avenues with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1928, the two-and-a-half story Colonial Revival inspired frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar. The exterior is clad in wood shingles. The combination hip on gable roof along with several dormers are covered with asphalt shingles.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical five-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking tripartite windows. The outermost bays are defined by open porches engaged under the roof. The entrance bay projects forward several feet from the main wall surface, and a partially glazed door is sheltered by a round arched hood and pent eave. The pent eave is supported by triangular Craftsman-style brackets. The pent eave continues across the main façade and ties into the slope of the main roof at the north and south ends. The first floor window openings are fitted with tripartite four-over-four sash and below each opening is a floor box. The north and south ends of the house are defined stocky Tuscan columns which also support the ends of the combination hip on gable roof. The second floor is lighted by a combination of small four pane windows that mark the center bay and six-over-one sash windows to each side. Centered on the hip roof is an eyebrow window fitted with a six-pane window.

The north and south ends of the house are largely alike with the Tuscan columned porches on the first floor and large hip roofed dormers lighting the second floor. Rising at each end partially exposed are brick stacks that which pierce the roofs of the hip roofed dormers. Piercing the inner porch wall are glazed French doors that open into the principal apartments on the first floor.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 156/81, 23 July 1928.

² Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 160/247, 12 September 1929.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 293/193, 28 November 1947.

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Camden Avenue Apartment House
1018 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 114, Parcel 778

961/1

John P. Purnell
Ann K. Purnell

to

6/30/1981

Steven D. and Sara W. Cox
Lot No. 2 as per plat of the property of the College Avenue Realty
Company made by W. Rouse Kelley, engineer, 3/6/1924, JCK 138/1

AJS 935/645

Hannah McC. Kuhn

to

1/1/1980

John P. Purnell
Ann K. Purnell

JWTS 293/193

William P. Brown
Mabelle Johnson Brown

to

11/28/1947

John A. Kuhn
Hannah McC. Kuhn

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JWS 235/327

W. Edgar Porter
Ruth E. Porter

to

9/22/1941

William P. Brown
Mabelle Johnson Brown
Lot No. 2, Item 2, Plat JCK 138/1

JWS 235/325

William P. Brown

to

9/22/1941

W. Edgar Porter

IDT 160/247

James H. Larmer, et al. (Margaret M. Larmer, John E. Morris,
Margaret E. Morris, Fred P. Adkins, Edna S. Adkins

to

9/12/1929

William P. Brown
Assumption of a mortgage from Henry W. Roberts, \$10,000
7/23/1928, IDT 156/81, to the Larmer Corporation

JCK 152/164

William P. Fitzgerald
Ruby F. Fitzgerald

to

11/10/1927

James H. Larmer, John E. Morris, Fred P. Adkins

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JCK 148/258

Henry W. Roberts
Ruby F. Roberts

to

3/26/1927

William P. Fitzgerald
Lot No. 2

JCK 138/100

The College Avenue Realty Company

to

3/6/1925

Henry W. Roberts
Two lots

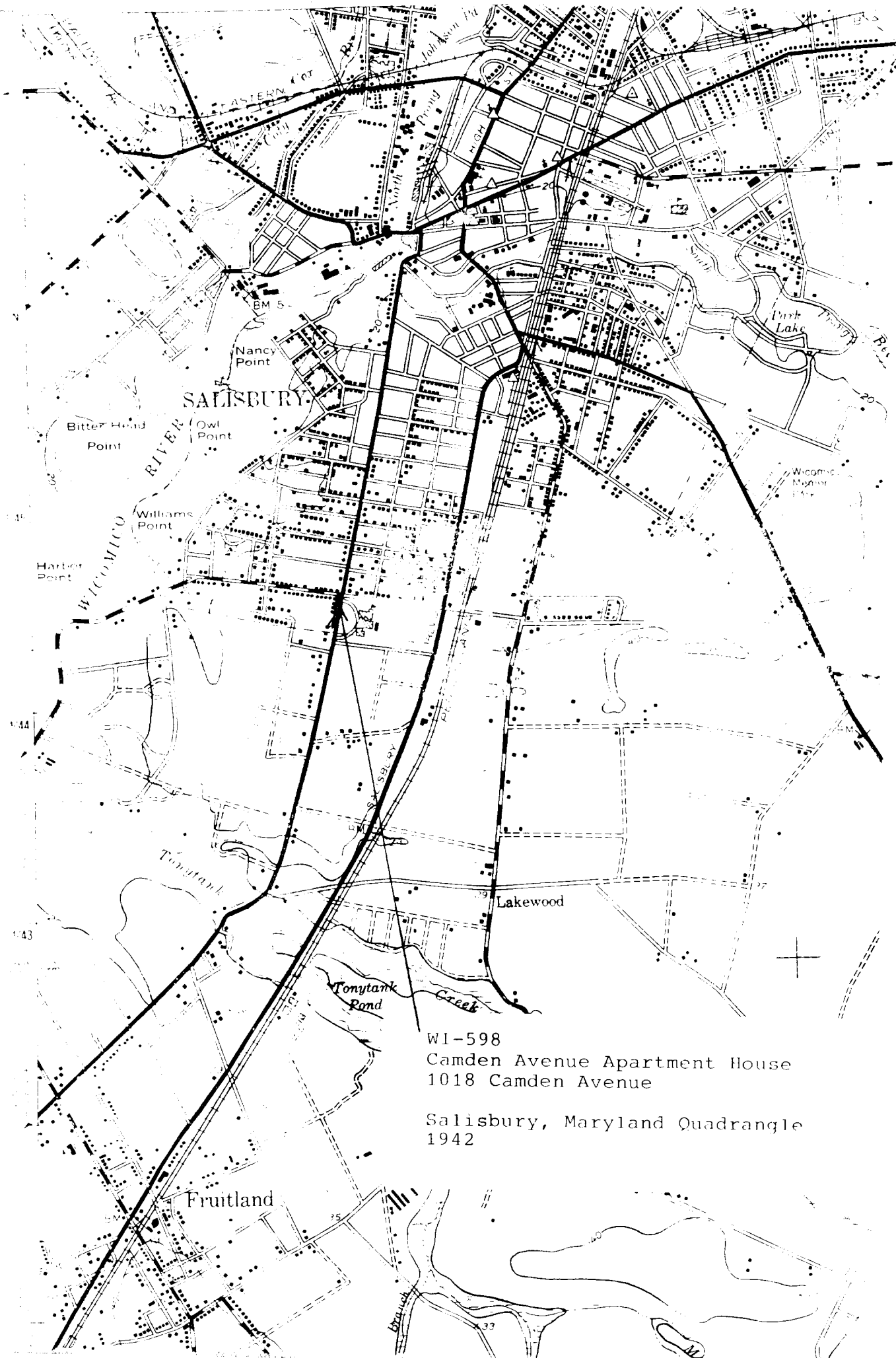
JCK 136/542

William H. Phillips

to

11/20/1924

The College Avenue Realty Company



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1018 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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CAMDEN AVE. APARTMENT HOUSE

SALESBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

5/01, PAUL TOWNE, PHOTOGRAPHER

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CAMDEN AVE APARTMENT HOUSE
SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

5/01, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHED

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